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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEARBY

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1. EMBASSY AND CONGEN SYDNEY WELCOME VISIT BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SEARBY AND WILL ARRANGE RESERVATIONS AND PROGRAM AS OUTLINED REFTEL.

2. WE HAVE TWO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MR. SEARBY'S CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION WITH DETAILED ITINERARY AND PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES. FIRST, PRESTIGIOUS ANNUAL MEETING OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN AUSTRALIA (AMCHAM) IS SCHEDULE MARCH 27-29. THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION IS IN SYDNEY. ENTIRE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 29, WITH BREAKFAST SPEECH BY AMBASSADOR GREEN, MORNING AND AFTERNOON SEMINARS ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN AUSTRALIA AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT RESPECTIVELY, LUNCHEON TO BE ADDRESSED BY PROMINENT AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN AND EVENING BANQUET FOR WHICH CHAMBER IS SEEKING PRIME MINISTER OR PROMINENT CABINET MEMBER AS SPEAKER. WE BELIEVE MR. SEARBY WOULD FIND IT VALUABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PART OF DAY'S MEETINGS, AND HAVE CONFERENCES WITH AMCHAM OFFICERS WHO ARE ANXIOUS TO MEET HIM. THIS COINCIDES WITH PROPOSED SCHEDULE REFTEL AND CREATES NO PROBLEMS, ALTHOUGH UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPENDING UPON REQUIREMENTS OF FURTHER TRAVEL SCHEDULE

HE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DEFERRING DEPARTURE FROM SYDNEY
UNTIL MARCH 30 A.M. IN ORDER TO ATTEND AMCHAM DINNER
MARCH 29.

3. SECOND, WE AND CONSUL GENERAL MELBOURNE RECOMMEND
HE CONSIDER SPENDING ONE DAY IN MELBOURNE, WHICH IS MAJOR
INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CENTER. U.S. CONGEN MELBOURNE
COMMERCIAL SECTION HAS IMPORTANT ROLE IN AUSTRALIA'S CCP.
MR. SEARBY COULD PROCEED FROM CANBERRA TO MELBOURNE EVENING
MARCH 27 AND MOVE ON TO SYDNEY EVENING MARCH 28. BOTH FLIGHTS
APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR WITH FREQUENT SERVICE.

4. CONGEN SYDNEY HAS MADE RESERVATION FOR EVENING 28TH
AT WENTWORTH HOTEL PURSUANT REFTTEL. EMBASSY HAS MADE
RESERVATIONS AT LAKESIDE HOTEL CANBERRA FOR NIGHTS MARCH 26
AND MARCH 27, PENDING MR. SEARBY'S RESPONSE RE POSSIBILITY
OF PROCEEDING MELBOURNE EVENING MARCH 27. RESERVATIONS WILL
BE MODIFIED IF HE ACCEPTS MELBOURNE SUGGESTION.

5. EMBASSY AND CONGENS SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AS APPROPRIATE,
WILL ADVISE MORE DETAILED PROPOSED SCHEDULE AT EACH POST
AFTER RECEIVING INDICATION MR. SEARBY'S DECISIONS RE
PRECEDING SUGGESTIONS.
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